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STATE POLICE HELICOPTER TROOPER 1 ASSISTS IN RESCUE ON THE CONNECTICUT RIVER

Today 01/19/06 at approximately 12:30 p.m. the Connecticut State Police was contacted to provide assistance to the Coast Guard vessel "The Bollard" for a reported crewmember overboard. The Coast Guard vessel was working on the Connecticut River in the Middletown area.

State Police helicopter Trooper-1 responded to the Connecticut River in Middletown to assist the Coast Guard in the search effort.

The Coast Guard initiated the search of the river for the crewmember in the vicinity of the last sighting. Trooper-1 searched from the air and observed the missing crewmember's small boat.

The Coast Guard established a visual sighting of the missing crewmember on the bank of the Connecticut River. Trooper one was advised via radio that the crewmember had apparently been able to swim to the east bank of the Connecticut River. He was located approximately 1 mile south of the Middletown power plant. The crewmember was not accessible from the river and was not accessible by land vehicle. Trooper-1 located a clearing and landed the helicopter near the crewmember. State Troopers provided emergency care to the man. He was airlifted to Harbor Park Landing located adjacent to Rt. 9 in Middletown. The victim was turned over to the Fire Department and transported to the local hospital.

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